

trails

Forest trails are provided for hiking, horse riding, and mountain bike use. Hikers may also hike anywhere on the Forest off trail, but horse and mountain bike riders are required to stay on designated trails.

Remember to tread lightly, practice the leave no trace ethics, and respect other trail users.

A trail permit tag is required for horse and mountain bike use on most trails. Riders 16 years of age and younger are exempt.



Trail Name	Use Type	Approx. Miles	Map Key
Birdseye	Multiple Use (MU)	11.8	1
Brown Co. D	Horse/Hike	2.1	2
Buzzard Roost	Hike	0.8	3
Celina Interpretive	Hike	0.8	4
Fork Ridge	Hike	3.5	5
German Ridge	MU	24	6
German Ridge Hike	Hike	2.4	7
Hardin Ridge	Hike/bike	2.0	8
Hemlock Cliffs	Hike	1.0	9
Hickory Ridge	MU	46.7	10
Lick Creek	MU	7.7	11
Mogan Ridge West	MU	12.3	12
Mogan Ridge East	Hike	6.9	13
Nebo Ridge	MU	8.6	14
Oriole West	MU	7.2	15
Oriole East	MU	6.5	16
Pate Hollow	Hike	7.7	17
Pioneer Mothers	Hike	1.3	18
Saddle Lake	Hike	2.2	19
Shirley Creek	MU	19.4	20
Springs Valley	MU	12.7	21
Tipsaw	Hike/bike	5.9	22
Twin Oak Interpretive	Hike	1.4	23
Two Lakes Loop	Hike	15.7	24
Wilderness West	Horse/hike	32.4	25
Wilderness Sycamore	Hike	4.9	25
Youngs Creek	MU	11	26

Multiple Use (MU) allows for hiking, mountain biking, and horse back riding on these trails.

wilderness

The 13,000-acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness (CCDW) is the only Congressionally designated wilderness area in Indiana.

The purpose of wilderness areas are to preserve natural ecosystems and provide for solitude in a natural-appearing environment, both now and for generations to come. The CCDW provides trails for hiking and equestrian use, hunting, fishing, and other forms of nonmotorized and non-mechanized recreation.



The wildflowers and the dogwood and redbud trees provide bright colors in the spring and welcome recreationists back to the Forest after the winter months. In the fall, the whole spectrum of autumn colors makes the hills of southern Indiana a beautiful backdrop for any visit.



Wood poppy and larkspur (left), pawpaw blooms (above), and a view from the Hickory Ridge lookout tower.



spring and fall color

camping and picnicking

Some campgrounds offer sites with electricity and water hookups; others offer a secluded spot to pitch a tent. Group camping is also available.

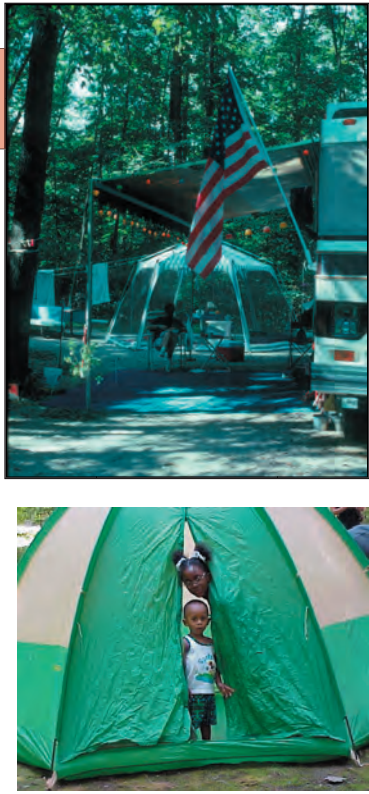
Picnic shelters and day use areas are also scattered around the Hoosier near beaches, fields, or fishing lakes for families to enjoy.

In addition, primitive camping and picnicking is allowed almost anywhere on the Hoosier with a few exceptions. If you plan to venture off the trails, we recommend you purchase a map before your outing to ensure you don't trespass on private land.

Reservations may be made at some of our campgrounds. Occupancy is otherwise on a first come basis.

Holders of the Federal Senior and Access passes will receive a 50% price reduction on the basic camping fee and daily parking fee.

Reservations for individual campsites and picnic shelters in the Hardin Ridge, Indian-Celina Lakes, and Tipsaw Recreation Areas can be made by calling toll free the National Reservation System at 1-877-444-6777 (TTY is 1-877-833-6777.) There is a fee for making the reservation. Occupancy is on a first come basis, unless a site is previously reserved.



fishing & water sports



The Hoosier has some of the most popular fishing lakes in southern Indiana, and anglers enjoy the opportunities to fish Forest waters year round. An Indiana fishing license is required for those age 17-65 and all state regulations apply.

Boat access points on Monroe Lake, the Ohio River, Tipsaw, Celina, Indian, and Saddle Lakes offer fishing and boating enthusiasts access to various waters.

Swimming beaches are offered at three of our recreation areas, but no lifeguards are on duty.



wildlife

Watchable wildlife viewing areas are established, but most trails and remote areas offer opportunities for viewing wildlife if you move quietly.

Hunting seasons and regulations are set by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. All state fish and game laws apply.



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Eroded hillside farm.



Pick a season, or a reason, to enjoy the Hoosier National Forest! hike, fish, and explore, to reconnect with nature, people a tranquil setting, cious public land offers Evansville, Indianapolis, and Louisville. This presence of the Hoosier is within a 2 hour drive of Cincinnati, eroded hillsides that nobody wanted. The land base has gradually grown ever since.

Through management and time, the eroded lands nobody wanted have become the forested hills of today. You are invited to visit and enjoy the Hoosier National Forest sites. Both prehistoric Native American and historic farmstead remnants are protected by federal law. Remember to walk carefully and take nothing but pictures.

In June 1934, Indiana's governor and the 73rd Indiana Congress, asked the Forest Service to buy this land for the eventual creation of a national forest.

The Lands Nobody Wanted

The Hoosier National Forest area has been inhabited continuously for 12,000 years - first by Native American, then by European-Americans. As settlement increased, trees were cut and the hill country converted to farmland. After 100 years of use on land never suitable for farming, the steep hills were eroding, the soil was depleted of nutrients, and droughts occurred several years in a row. When crop prices continued to drop, many of the farmers moved out in the 1930's, abandoning their farms and homes. They left behind eroded hillsides that nobody wanted.

The Hoosier National Forest is a remnant of the forest that once covered the Midwest. Set in the rolling hills of south central Indiana, it includes some of the best remaining forest land in Indiana. The Hoosier is approximately 200,000 acres in size but scattered in a patchwork of land over nine counties, so take care not to trespass on private land.

to the Hoosier National Forest

welcome history

Hoosier National Forest Recreation Sites

Site Name	Map Key	Camping Units	Picnicking (# shelters)	Drinking Water	Seasonal Fee	Shower House	Electrical Sites	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Hiking Trails (Miles)	Horse Trails (Miles)	Mtn Bike Trails (Miles)
Blackwell	C1	100*	1								37	32	
Buzzard Roost	C4		•								1		
Indian - Celina Lake	B4	63	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	17		
German Ridge	B5	20	1		•			•	•		26	24	24
Hardin Ridge	C1	202**	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3		2
Hickory Ridge	C1	20*									47	47	47
Mano Point	B5								•	•			
Saddle Lake	B5	13							•	•	2		
Shirley Creek	B2	40*									19	19	19
Springs Valley	B3	10*	•						•	•	13	13	13
Tipsaw Lake	B5	41	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	6		6
Youngs Creek	C3	50*	1								11	11	11

* Open field without defined campsites. ** Cabins also available
Trails may have more than one use. Mileage may indicate multiple uses, not separate trail systems.

This guide is NOT to be used as a detailed map of the Forest. Road and trail locations are only approximations.

Forest Visitor Maps at the 1/2 inch to the mile scale are available by mail or from either Hoosier National Forest office for a fee. Topographic maps indicating national forest ownership are also available.

For more information visit the Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier



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- County Boundary
- Hoosier National Forest
- National Forest Wilderness
- Corps of Engineers Land
- State Land
- Divided Highway
- Highway
- Other Roads
- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Point of Interest
- Boat Ramp
- Swimming/Beach
- Recreation Site, Forest Service
- Recreation Site, Non Forest Service
- Lookout Tower
- Forest Supervisors Office
- District Ranger Station
- Trail Location Number

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